

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: K. KUROTANI, et al.  
Application No.: Not assigned yet  
Filed: March 31, 2004  
For: A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND A METHOD  
OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME  
Art Unit: Not assigned yet  
Examiner: Not assigned yet

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. BOX 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 31, 2004

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

**Amendments to the Claims; and**

**Remarks are included following the amendment.**